

Public Meeting - Stockton, - 9/26

George Barber - Chairman - Board of Supv. - San Joaquin Co.

Prepared Statement -

Problems- can't look at in an isolated manner, 40% of 921,000 acres-most <sup>by agriculture</sup> ~~ag.~~ in San Joaquin.

- Import. - need addit. water, San Joaquin River, water quality.
- Rely too heavily on groundwater - forced to do that.
- Addit. 270,000 ~~AC~~ <sup>E</sup> is needed - 1947 to 1984 - groundwater declined 1ft./yr.
- Saline intrusion also a problem. - because of groundwater overdraft.
- Intrusion will continue unless addit. water supplies are obtained
  - CALFED agencies - have not provided suff. Safeguards
  - Concerned about future supply
  - opposed to PC
  - supports improvements to channels in ~~A~~ <sup>Delta</sup>
  - concerned about Dec. Agreement - New Melones water committed to meet Dec. Agreement requirements.

Ed? How will you incorporate & interface with regional boards & water control plans.

Nomellini - Central Delta Water Agency-

Principles that guide actions - concerns are often lost.

- SWP+~~CWP~~ <sup>Y</sup> were based on principle that only surplus water would be taken
  - Concern that more than excess is being taken.
  - Real principle has been lost, export more than excess.
  - Prejudice against North - now that we have shortages.
  - Should be clearly stated by this <sup>9</sup> group - only excess to be exported + keep ~~A~~ <sup>Delta</sup> as a central pool (no isolated facility).

Involvement of SW RCB

- are supposed to be adjudicator
- should not be involved in this program
- they should not be part of CALFED
- Lawsuit will?
- ? Area of origin / Co. of origin ?

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- Stockton East (12 years - retired)
- Overdraft of ground water

- Try to deal with EBMUD to fix problem
- BR made contact to help correct problem - BR will not honor because they want to deal with sal in San Joaquin River this was caused by exporters - trying to fix problem by taking New Melones Water. San Joaquin River belongs to county! Area of origin water for San Joaquin Co.

Problem in S. Delta with endangered species was created by exporters & San Joaquin water shouldn't be used for this purpose.